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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 5, 2001

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

~~Please amend the specification as follows:~~

~~Before line 1, insert - This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/04249 which has an International filing date of August 4, 1999, which designated the United States of America.--~~

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please amend the claims as follows:~~

~~Claim 6: Line 1, delete "2, 3 or 5,"~~

~~Claim 7: Line 1, delete "2, 3, 5 or 6,"~~

~~Claim 8: Line 1, delete "2, 3, 5 or 6,"~~

~~Claim 9: Line 1, delete "2, 3, 5, 6, 7 or 8,"~~